

House Resolution 229

By: Representatives Dean of the 59th, Mosby of the 90th, and Stephenson of the 92nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Proclaiming Wednesday, February 16, 2005, REACH for Wellness Day at the Capitol and
2 inviting representatives of REACH for Wellness to appear before the House of
3 Representatives; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, REACH for Wellness is a cardiovascular disease prevention coalition sponsored
5 by the Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness with coalition members including
6 representatives from religious institutions, community groups, health related organizations,
7 and colleges and universities; and

8 WHEREAS, the Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health known as REACH for
9 Wellness is a free, community based health and wellness resource created to connect families
10 with resources that improve cardiovascular health; and

11 WHEREAS, REACH for Wellness offers programs in nutrition education, personal
12 empowerment, smoking cessation, and physical activity and has served more than 11,837
13 persons; and

14 WHEREAS, REACH for Wellness was recognized in the United States Department of
15 Health and Human Services 2003 Prevention Programs in Action "Steps to a Healthier US"
16 publication as a lead organization in improving the cardiovascular health among African
17 Americans residing in the Atlanta Empowerment Zone; and

18 WHEREAS, REACH for Wellness co-organized Poor Peoples Day at the State Capitol and
19 statewide that addressed health disparities, the uninsured, living wages, health care, and
20 hospital funding which was comprised of more than 350 people; and

21 WHEREAS, REACH for Wellness engaged in 21 community health fairs exposing greater
22 than 722 persons to cardiovascular disease health information; and

1 WHEREAS, REACH for Wellness participated in Healthy Heart Collaborative, a pilot
2 program targeting cardiovascular health disparities, developed by the National Minority
3 Health Month Foundation; and

4 WHEREAS, REACH for Wellness collaborated with the American Red Cross to participate
5 in their CPR Saturday training event; and

6 WHEREAS, REACH for Wellness facilitated a community REACH OUT program with 13
7 students from Clark Atlanta University and disseminated information about the five
8 interventions of REACH for Wellness to more than 200 homes; and

9 WHEREAS, REACH for Wellness participated in Cover the Uninsured Week, a national
10 event of week-long activities aimed at sensitizing the public and opinion leaders to the plight
11 of the more than 41 million Americans who lack health insurance.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
13 the members of this body commend the valuable efforts of REACH for Wellness and
14 proclaim Wednesday, February 16, 2005, REACH for Wellness Day at the Capitol.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that representatives of REACH for Wellness are invited to
16 appear before the House of Representatives at a time to be determined by the Speaker.